

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

No prior art rejections have been applied against the claims.

The only rejection applied against the claims is under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 4 has been amended to replace "the ordinary state" with language similar to that used elsewhere in the claims and so this portion of the rejection is believed to be moot. Concerning the Examiner's objection to the last two lines of Claim 1, and the corresponding limitation in Claim 4, these recitations are believed to be correct and have not been deleted, for the following reason:

The claims had previously referred to an "ordinary state" in which the drive electric current restraining means does not restrain the drive electric current to the steering actuator. The claims had also recited that the steering reaction force is increased "to be larger than that in said ordinary state" while the drive electric current restraining means restrains the drive electric current to the steering actuator. Thus the increased reaction force is in comparison to an ordinary state set forth in the claims.

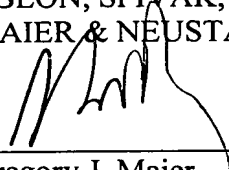
Since the claims no longer recite the "ordinary state," this basis for comparison is no longer recited. The last two lines of Claim 1 therefore instead refer to the state in which the drive electric current restraining means does not restrain the drive electric current to the steering actuator as the basis of comparison for the increased steering reaction force. This recitation is therefore desirable to clarify the increased steering reaction force, and so the objection to this recitation is respectfully traversed.

If the Examiner continues to object to the claim language, it is respectfully requested that she contact the undersigned attorneys so that any such objection may be resolved in a further interview.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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